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INFO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, US, BM

SUBJECT: U.S.-BURMESE RELATIONS

1. BURMESE AMBASSADOR CHIT MOUNG CALLED ON ME APRIL 29. PRINCIPAL MESSAGE HE WISHED TO CONVEY WAS HIS CONVICTION THAT BURMESE LEADERSHIP WOULD WELCOME CLOSER U.S.-BURMESE TIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, U.S. FINANCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE. HE MENTIONED THAT OIL RIGS AND PIPELINES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM U.S. WITH FINANCING ARRANGED THROUGH COMMERCIAL BANKS, BUT HE SAID THIS WAS NOT SATISFACTORY FOR LONG TERM AND THAT BURMA WOULD WELCOME EXPORT-IMPORT BANK PROJECT LOANS. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT, GIVEN POLITICAL-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE IN BURMA, ANY U.S. PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO BE ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS.

2. WHEN I ASKED AMBASSADOR IF BURMESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE TAKING SIMILAR LINE, HE SAID HE DOUBTED IT. AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON IS CAREER OFFICIAL, HE SAID, WHO WOULD NOT ACT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, HE, CHIT MOUNG, WAS A POLITICIAN AND WAS CONFIDENT HE WAS EXPRESSING VIEWPOINT OF BURMESE
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LEADERSHIP. HE REMARKED THAT BURMESE TEND TO BE TIMID IN SUCH MATTERS AND WOULD NEVER TAKE INITIATIVE THEMSELVES; HOWEVER, HE STRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT AN INITIATIVE FROM THE U.S. SIDE WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. COMMENT: WE IN BONN OF COURSE ARE IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION, BUT I PASS IT ON AS OF

POSSIBLE INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY RANGOON.
CHIT MOUNG HAS BEEN IN BONN OVER TWO YEARS AND APPEARS
TO BE ABLE AND WELL-REGARDED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.
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